

HOUSE No. 1918

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special committee (including members of the General Court) relative to the oversight and responsibility for responding to statewide emergencies. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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| Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. | Shirley Gomes |
| Richard T. Moore | Christopher J. Donelan |
| David B. Sullivan | |

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE OVERSIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESPONDING TO STATEWIDE EMERGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
2 there is hereby established a special committee for the purposes of
3 making an investigation and study of the feasibility of transferring
4 the responsibility for the planning and responses relating to emer-
5 gencies, on a statewide basis, from the Massachusetts Emergency
6 Management Agency, to the Department of Fire Services. Said
7 committee shall consist of the Chairmen of the House and Senate
8 Committees on Public Safety, the State Fire Marshal, the Director
9 of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Presi-
10 dent of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts and the Pres-
11 ident of the Professional Firefighters Association of
12 Massachusetts.